

MSU alum-turned-professor prepares the next generation of social workers

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Dr. Latonya

Hesterberg (84) has a fondness for both MSU and preparing future social workers as a professor of social work. As a lifelong Morehead resident, Eagle graduate and MSU professor, **Dr. Latonya Hesterberg (84)** never fails to realize how lucky she is.

"I just think it's very rare for faculty at a university to have graduated from their alma mater and come back to work for the University and their children be educated through the University," she said. "I have been very blessed to be able to live and work and raise my family in the Morehead State community."

Hesterberg has long felt an obligation to help those that are oftentimes less fortunate. This is what drew her to the social work, where she has had an impact on people's lives in the field and through her work in the classroom.

"I LOVE BEING IN THE CLASSROOM AND I LOVE TEACHING STUDENTS AND I LOVE MAKING CONTENT WE TEACH REAL AND GIVING THEM REAL-LIFE APPLICATION."

Her academic journey included enrolling at MSU for two years, a brief stint at the University of Kentucky and three major changes (including pre-forestry). She graduated from MSU with a BSW and went on to earn an MSW from the University of Kentucky in 1990 and a Ph.D. in social work from UK in 2005.

Hesterberg's first job in social work was as a child protective services worker in Morehead. She was contacted by MSU and began teaching social work part-time as adjunct faculty in 1992, from 1993 to 2000 she was the director of the Training Resource Center, and she coordinated the UK/MSU joint Master of Social Work program from 2000 to 2003.

When there was a vacancy for an assistant professor of social work in 2003, she jumped at the opportunity. She became an associate professor in 2008, chair of the Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminology from 2012 to 2017, and has returned to the class

As a professor, Hesterberg said she wants to use her own work experience to give social work students insight into what comes next.

“I REMEMBER THE PROFESSORS THAT I HAD AND THE BEST PROFESSORS THAT I HAD WERE PROFESSORS IN THE FIELD THAT WERE PRACTICING AND COULD BRING THOSE EXAMPLES IN THE CLASSROOM.”

Among the many students Hesterberg has affected with her instruction is Social Services Clinician II (DCBS) **Stacia Moreland (11)** from Flatwoods.

“I feel looking back, now that I am a graduate, I have gained a friend who I know will always be there when I have questions or need another opinion,” Moreland said. “Honestly, I would not have the knowledge I have, the passion for the field or the love of social work if it was not for Dr. Hesterberg.”

Hesterberg also supervises student practicums so she’s never far from the field. Throughout her entire career, she continues to instill in students a commitment to care about their work, and also to care about the people they serve.

The Rock: Bringing a new dining experience to both campus and community

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As part of an incredible campus experience, MSU prides itself on what our Eagles learn, where they live and where they eat and socialize. Students have access to a wider variety of foods than ever before, so MSU is stepping up its game when it comes to on-campus dining with the new Rocky Adkins Dining Commons, a.k.a. “The Rock.”

Named in honor of state legislator and two-time MSU alum **Rep. Rocky Adkins (82)**, The Rock is a 25,000 square-foot dining facility connected to the East Parking Complex. This \$7.2 million-dollar facility is home to The Fresh Food Company, a residential restaurant that features cutting-edge exhibition cooking, authentic ethnic dishes, a culinary twist on traditional American favorites and a wide variety of healthy/vegetarian options.

Throughout the expansive dining facility, students can enjoy the numerous food stations for an array of options. These include the Breakfast Bar with a make-your-own waffle station, personalized pastas at Sauté, signature stir-fry at Mongolian Grill, and international cuisines at DestiNations. Additional stations feature home-style cooking, hamburgers, sandwiches and wraps, hot dogs, pizza, a self-serve salad bar and the Bakery, which serves a full line of fresh-baked goods, soft serve ice cream and cappuccino.

The options in this all-you-care-to-eat dining hall combined with being open as late as 1 a.m. during the week and on Sundays (it closes at 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays) is ideal for students like Mark Pappas, a sophomore quarterback for MSU Eagle Football.



The ROCK brings a new

dining experience to both campus and community

"Typically, there's a lot of variety," he said. "Coming in, I wouldn't expect a smaller campus to have such a nice dining hall. It's a nice selling point."

This sentiment is shared by freshman Tiyanina Jones, a nursing student from Cincinnati. She was used to seeing dining facilities like The Rock when taking campus tours of some of the larger universities near her

hometown. She first saw the dining hall when it was under construction during her campus tours and now enjoys the clean design and the openness, in addition to the food itself.

"I love that there are more options and it's more spacious," Jones said. "You can sit with larger groups of people."

The Rock, which seats approximately 660 diners, averages between 1,200 to 1,500 visitors per day, according to **Bill Redwine (79)**, assistant vice president of auxiliary services at MSU.

Terry White (89), director of construction and engineering for the Office of Facilities Management, said the community can also take advantage of The Rock's offerings any time. There's spacious seating, including some semi-private areas for large groups and community parking spaces behind the building.

"You want to have better relationships with the community wherever you can," he said. "Anytime you can help improve those relations, it's a good thing."

The addition of The Rock, which is across from the award-winning Recreation and Wellness Center and the latest, state-of-the-art Andrews Hall residence hall, is just one more way MSU continues to put students first.

Student Center-ed Bigger and better ADUC set to open this fall

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Since Aug. 26, 2016, the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) has been bustling almost daily with noise, foot traffic and activity – but that hasn't been coming from students.

Nearly two years ago, MSU broke ground on a \$49.5 million project to renovate and expand the facility. Now that construction is nearing completion, student services will relocate to the space in late summer and ADUC will celebrate a grand re-opening at Homecoming in October.

Kim Oatman, assistant vice president for facilities and operations, said the original 126,000 square-feet of the building is being renovated and an additional 71,000 square-feet is being added. Some of ADUC's new features include a campus pub and lounge area, 100-seat theater and a new ballroom capable of seating 600 people. Decorative touches include an atrium and a landscaped plaza with tiered walks and picnic tables near Lappin Hall. Dining options from Aramark, Chick-fil-A and Starbucks will be reopening and ADUC will add three more popular restaurant chains in the form of Steak 'n Shake, Moe's Southwest Grill and Which Wich Superior Sandwiches.

The interior of ADUC will be improved for students, and the names of some of the facility's spaces show alumni's commitment to student success.

Recognition opportunities for donors who gave to the the Alumni & Welcome Center have been identified in ADUC and their contributions, as well as all other private support, have been directed to scholarships and support for recruitment, retention and degree completion.

Nearly \$3 million in commitments was secured for the former building project and that funding has now been directed to scholarships. The gifts of 840 donors have been redirected to provide financial aid for future students. Through this process, 27 new scholarships have been created and these will either be sustained annually by the donors or endowed perpetually. Additionally, 24 previously existing scholarship funds grew from the re-designation of these contributions.

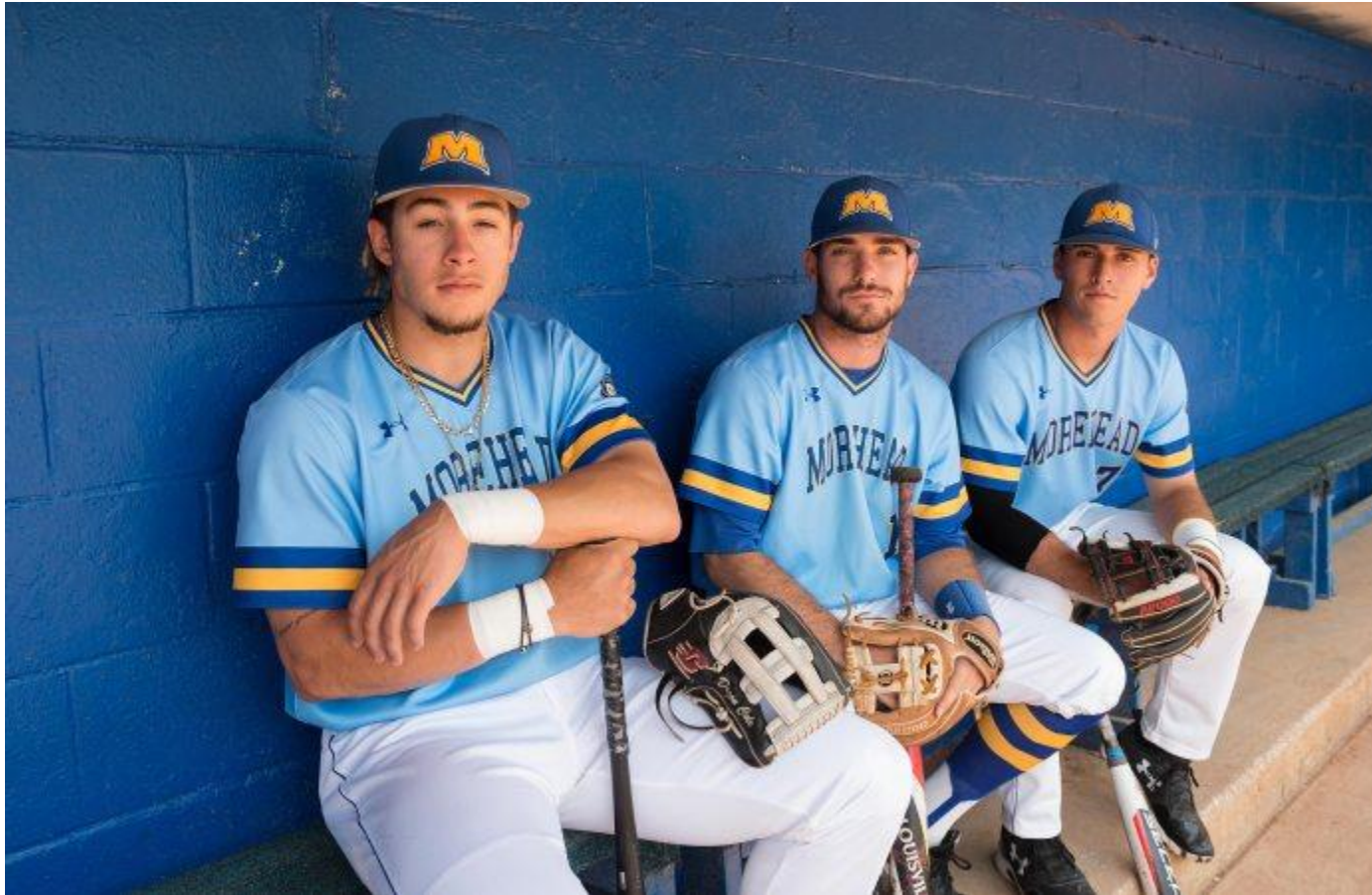
"Our alumni donors have strongly embraced this change and are excited for the opportunity to help generations of future Eagles while receiving prominent recognition in a familiar building that was their home while they were students," said **Mindy Clark Highley (91)**, assistant vice president for alumni relations and development.

Wilma “Willi” Walker, alumna/donor and MSU Foundation Board member stated, “This is a tremendous idea that will have substantial impact on so many students and ADUC is going to be a spectacular gathering place for not only those students, but all alumni and friends of MSU.”

All-American Eagles

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MSU Baseball Eagles junior outfielder Niko Hulsizer (left), junior infielder Reid Leonard (center) and infielder **Braxton Morris (18)** (right) were tabbed preseason All-Americans. Hulsizer (First Team), along with Leonard and Morris (Third Team), were selected to Collegiate Baseball's Preseason All-American list. MSU was one of just three schools nationally to have three players on Collegiate Baseball's All-American teams.

In 2017, Hulsizer was also named a preseason All-American by the National Collegiate Baseball Writer's Association, Athlon Sports, Street and Smith's, D1Baseball.com, Perfect Game/Rawlings and Collegiate Sports Madness.

Hulsizer was drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 18th round of the 2018 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft. He's the seventh draft pick under head coach **Mike McGuire's (96)** tenure.

A president by the numbers

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President Joseph A. "Jay" Morgan

As a college student, President Joseph (Jay) Morgan never had aspirations of becoming the 14th president of MSU. He was never a man focused solely on titles. He was much more calculating ... quite literally.

"I was actually kind of contemplating going into banking. When I went to school, I kind of had banking on my mind," Morgan said. "I liked numbers."

Since our current president is such a numbers guy – and has plenty of numbers on his brain as he takes on the challenges of being MSU’s chief executive – we thought we would let MSU alumni, friends, faculty, staff and students get to know more about him in a way he would appreciate.

- **Number of parents that are teachers:** 1
- **Number of college degrees earned:** 3
Bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Murray State University and a Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University
- **Sports he’s coached:** 1
Golf at Martin-Westview High School in Martin, Tennessee, where he was also a teacher
- **Number of years in higher education:**
More than 20
- **Number of positions he’s held in higher education prior to becoming MSU president:** 9
Professor, graduate program coordinator, special projects coordinator, leadership program coordinator, university faculty regent, associate provost, and provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at Murray State University; chief academic officer and vice president for Academic Affairs and Student Success for the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education
- **Number of countries he’s visited:** 16
Dr. Morgan traveled to Mexico, Brazil, Ecuador, Italy, China and many other countries setting up international programs.
- **Family:** Amber, Britteny, Ella and Mason
- **Number of days between his first day on the job as MSU president and birth of his third child:** 17
Dr. Morgan started the job on July 1, 2017. His son, Mason, was born a few weeks later. “It was a tough month for us,” he said.
- **Amount of time it took him to feel a part of Morehead State:** 2-3 months
“I really got to know the faculty and the staff and the students and the alumni. You start making friends with people, you start eating dinner with people, you start sitting in meetings with people and you really get a feel for who the people are. You get a feel for their fondness for the institution and your fondness really grows out of that.”
- **Time he usually wakes up each day:** 2 a.m.
“Usually, it’s either with an idea or, I’ve got to do that tomorrow. I just wake up in the middle of the

night. Yeah, I've always done that," he said. "It's thinking about, what are we doing to fix some of the issues here. Part of it is a commitment to the institution to get us through these tough times."

- **Dr. Morgan's feeling toward MSU students:**

#1 priority

"Really, we're here for the students and that's always what has driven me since day one when I entered the classroom," he said. "At the end of the day, I try to think about what is best for our students and that may kind of be the lifelong educator in me."

- **What does he think freshman enrollment will be this fall:** 1,300 new entering students
- **What dollar value does he place on the service that Morehead State does for the region and Kentucky:** Priceless

. MSU dedicates Golding-Yang Art Gallery

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From left, Yanya Yang, Neng Yang, Milo Golding, Dr. Jay Morgan, MSU president

- The Golding-Yang Art Gallery was officially dedicated Friday, May 4, to honor the late Deeno Golding, his wife Yanya Yang and brother-in-law Neng Yang. The ceremony was held at the Claypool-Young Art Building.
- "Deeno Golding, **Yanya Yang (97)** and **Neng Yang (93)** have been ambassadors of higher learning and loyal supporters of Morehead State University for decades," said President Joseph A. (Jay) Morgan. "Their support through service, dedication and financial commitment has been unwavering. Most recently, they have established three significant endowments which support scholarships and the gallery."
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- These three individuals have affected the lives of countless individuals through their experiences in the classroom and the MSU arts community.
- Golding was a full-time faculty member in the Department of Art and Design for 23 years and was beloved by his students for his encouragement and inspiration. He also taught for several summer arts programs including the Arts Academy in Guanxi, China, and the Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program.
- Yanya Yang, Golding's wife of nearly 20 years, worked as a graduate assistant in the gallery while completing her Master of Arts degree at MSU. She went on to teach art and design classes at Morehead State.
- Neng Yang received his Master of Arts degree from MSU and like his sister he served as a graduate assistant in the gallery. He also worked in the Office of International Student Services and taught classes in art and design. Additionally, Yang was commissioned to paint the official University portraits of all former MSU presidents from Dr. Frank Button to Dr. Ronald Eaglin.

Golding – Yang Art Gallery

Recognizing Deeno Golding, Yanya Yang and Neng Yang, ambassadors of higher learning and loyal supporters of Morehead State University. This facility was dedicated in honor of their support through service, dedication, and financial commitment on May 4, 2018



Deeno Golding

"Enjoy the good things and mourn the bad, but remember, you must never fly too high, for you will not be able to see life below. You must also never bury yourself too low into the ground, for you will be absent from life above. Understand who you are." – Golding

Golding served as a tenured faculty member in the Department of Art and Design at Morehead State University for 23 years. He received his MFA degree from the Savannah College of Art and Design. He was responsible for creating the Graphic Design curriculum, which is still utilized today. He taught Graphic Design courses while serving as the Graduate Program Coordinator, and the Faculty Mentor for the American Institute of Graphic Arts student group.

Deeno devoted his life to education. He lectured and inspired designers and artists worldwide. He worked with Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program for 13 years. Well respected in the design community, Deeno was an advocate for "Design for Good", an ethos to use problem-solving and design thinking toward social change.

Golding passed away in December 2017. His legacy will live on through his wife Yanya and their son Milo.



Yanya Yang (97)

Yanya Yang came to Morehead State University to pursue a Master Degree in Art, serving as a Graduate Assistant in this Gallery. She went on to Indiana State University to earn an MFA in Graphic Design, and later studied at the Basel School of Design in Switzerland.

She served as a faculty member at MSU, teaching classes in art and design. Additionally, she has taught and worked at Eastern Kentucky University, the University of Kentucky, and Marshall University.

Yanya's art and design work has been recognized nationally and internationally receiving awards from the American Institute of Graphic Arts Juried Design Exhibition, the Horizon International Interactive Awards, the International Computer Art Biennale in Poland, the International Trade Mark Contest in Russia, and the PIAS Design Competition. Yanya's art and design work has been exhibited in the Sheldon Swope Art Museum, the Paris Bicentennial Art Center, and the Novosibirsk Art Museum.

Along with Deeno, Yanya promotes the concept of "Design for Good". Yanya is a devoted MSU alumna, and a dedicated philanthropist who invests in art education, medical research, and social awareness.



Neng Chiang Yang (97)

Yang came to Morehead State University in 1993 as a graduate student. While pursuing his Master Degree in Art, he served as a Graduate Assistant in the Claypool Young Art Gallery.

Upon Yang's graduation from MSU, he served as a faculty member and taught classes from 1993-1994. Yang went on to earn his Masters of Fine Arts Degree from Indiana State University. He then returned to MSU to serve as a faculty member in the Department of Art while worked for the international office of MSU.

Yang is an accomplished artist and loyal MSU supporter. He has been commissioned to paint the official University portrait of Presidents from Dr. Button to Dr. Eaglin. He has donated many pieces of his art to the MSU Foundation to auction for the benefit of student scholarships.

After leaving MSU, he continued to work in higher education and helped students nationally and international gain art opportunities and develop appreciation for the art world.

Gallery signage recognizing the Golding-Yang family

- The family has established three significant endowments that support scholarships and the campus art gallery. In recognition of their support through service, dedication, and financial commitment to MSU, the Golding-Yang Art Gallery was named to honor their commitment to MSU's mission of educating students from Eastern Kentucky and beyond.
- Additional information about the art and design programs at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/art.

. Spring Gala 2018

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- Morehead State University hosted its annual Spring Gala MSU's Spring Gala held a "Silver Celebration" to celebrate 25 years of this fundraising event on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at the Morehead Conference Center.



- Amber Philpott Hall (03)
- Emceed by **Amber Philpott Hall (03)** (pictured right), award-winning journalist from WKYT-TV in Lexington, the event raised nearly \$100,000 to advance academic programs to improve the University.
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MSU Spring

Gala guests were treated to a performance by current students, faculty and alumni from the School of Creative Arts.



- Left: Greg Wing (76), professor of music, and Thomas Pappas, visiting assistant professor of oboe/music theory, perform on stage.

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Students Javian Johnson of Troy, Ohio, and Kim

Clayton of Louisville, perform a duet of the Lionel Ritchie and Diana Ross hit "Endless Love."

Johnsons attribute success to family work ethic and MSU

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Pictured, left to right:

Courtney Johnson (08), Anna Johnson (09), Aaron Johnson (02) and father Arch Johnson Jr. (75).

Arch Johnson Jr. (75) is a farmer and successful business owner of Eastern Kentucky Tobacco Warehouse, but his biggest accomplishment has nothing to do with crops or currency.

Three of Arch's four children are now successful doctors. **Aaron (02)**, the oldest, is an emergency physician at the Kentucky River Medical Center in Jackson. His son **Courtney (08)** is an emergency physician based at

Pikeville Medical Center. The youngest child and only daughter, **Anna (09)**, is an internist and general practitioner at Morehead Medical Specialists – St. Claire HealthCare in Morehead.

If you ask them, they will likely tell you they owe their own success to two key factors: Arch's example and Morehead State University.

The children grew up watching their father grow tobacco and raise cattle on the family farm in Breathitt County. Arch had his children up early and on weekends working with him at a young age. From Arch and their mother, **Angela Gail Johnson**, they also learned about MSU. Arch came to the University on a basketball scholarship, earned bachelor's and master's degrees in history and became a high school history teacher and coach. Angela took classes at MSU and later transferred and became an RN.

Arch and Angela always encouraged their kids to attend MSU and have big goals. Aaron, Courtney and Anna chose MSU for its esteemed biology program, but something their father taught them helped them get where they are today.

“THE PATH TO BECOME A PHYSICIAN, IT’S REALLY INTENSE AND THERE ARE TIMES IT’S REALLY DIFFICULT, AND I THINK YOU HAVE TO HAVE A BACKGROUND OF HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO MAKE IT THROUGH AND TO DO WELL. NO MATTER WHAT FIELD HE WAS IN, MY DAD TAUGHT US IN HIS OWN WAY HOW TO WORK HARD AND ACHIEVE THAT.” -[ANNA JOHNSON]

From tending crops to excelling in the medical field, a strong work ethic has been passed down to a generation of Johnsons. With Morehead State, the Johnson family has something else to pass on: pride in their alma mater as a cornerstone to their success.

"It's given me the opportunity to pursue my dream of becoming a doctor and it's obviously given my family the opportunity to pursue their dreams as well. I love Morehead State." Courtney said. "Every one of us say we wish we could go back and do it all over again."

Successful art director found his footing at MSU

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When **Andrew Smith (05)** traveled from Ashland to display his art at a regional high school competition at Morehead State, he left with a scholarship but was more influenced by MSU faculty's contagious enthusiasm for the arts.

"I just came here knowing I wanted to do art," Smith said. "It was neat to meet professors and see genuine interest in this."

Smith found a passion for graphic design at MSU, "nerding out on fonts and type layouts" in the late Deeno Golding's design principles class his freshman year. He also was an intern in the Office of Communications and Marketing and earned a bachelor's degree in art, focusing on illustration, photography and advertising.

"Deeno's ability to present the work and make it fun, his strictness in making sure edges are cut at 45-degree angles and the sidewall marker boards are all blacked out with a Sharpie marker," Smith recalled. "He had a particular requirement that was always needed and presentation that was really fun to be subjected to."

After graduation, he held various positions at small design firms in Ohio and Michigan before eventually landing a job in Detroit, as a senior art director for nine years with Ford Motor Company's advertising agency, Global Team Blue.

At Ford, he worked on award-winning digital campaigns like the Mustang Customizer, winner of a gold Effie Award. He also oversaw commercial campaigns featuring celebrities, including the Lincoln ads featuring Academy Award-winning actor Matthew McConaughey.

As an art director, designer and self-described “creative problem solver” Smith works independently and lives with his wife and three kids in Austin. He found a purpose in his artistic talents, which he said may not have been possible if he hadn’t become an Eagle.

“I think my mindset is from Deeno’s class, of learning the ‘why’ and starting with why,” he said. “I think that was one of the biggest things I gleaned from here.”

The Little Company to perform in Scotland

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The Little Company’s performance of “Einstein’s Dreams,” adapted from an Alan Lightman novel, will travel to Edinburgh, Scotland, in 2018.

It was one of six shows selected from nine states to perform at the regional conference of the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival in Statesboro, Georgia. That made it eligible to be selected to perform at the International Collegiate Theatre Festival in Edinburgh, which is part of the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. The festival is the world’s largest arts festival; last year, it spanned 25 days and featured performances of 3,398 shows in 300 venues by representatives from 40 countries.

The piece was first performed at MSU in 2016 by members of the educational theatre program The Little Company, a trademark of the MSU Theatre Program and touring troupe that performs for schools across the state, particularly in MSU’s service region.

The MSU contingency to Scotland will include more than 25 students and faculty. They will be in Scotland for two weeks, Aug. 1-14, for six performances.

Education Abroad breaks boundaries and builds character for Eagle students

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For some Eagle students, the simple act of going off to college is a bit of a foreign experience. But for other students, having their entire college experience take place in just one location isn't quite enough.

Some people who want to go further in their academic, personal or professional development choose to farther away physically thanks to MSU's Education Abroad Program and tend to get a way more positive experience than they could have imagined in the process.

MSU's Education Abroad program consists of mostly faculty-led programs that allow students to travel and study internationally. This is done through organizations like the Cooperative Center for Study Abroad (CCSA) and the Kentucky Institute of International Studies (KIIS), with expenses oftentimes covered through financial aid and scholarships. The duration of Education Abroad excursions can range from four-to-six weeks in the summer to an entire semester and can include trips to Mexico, Turkey and numerous European countries, to name a few.

Dr. Kristina DuRocher, professor of history and interim director of MSU Education Abroad, said students who participate in the program almost always have a 100 percent retention and graduation rate while gaining both a cultural sensitivity and appreciation for other parts of the world.

"These aren't really places, they are also people," DuRocher said. "It becomes something where people sort of understand how exciting it is to explore new places and meet new people instead of sometimes fear it."



senior strategic communication major from Frankfort, completed an eight-week summer internship at The Works PR, a public relations firm based in Dublin, Ireland.

As part of the MSU Honors Program, Jonathan Dean has not only fulfilled the program's mandatory study abroad requirement, he went abroad a second time for his own personal benefit. The history major and native of Wilmore, Kentucky, first ventured off to Denmark through the Kentucky Education Excellence Scholarship (KEES) before traveling to Italy a year later with DuRocher through KIIS.

"I think it's really important to go somewhere that's completely different to you and fit in really well," Dean said. "You pick up on learning cultural norms and to cooperate with people that are different from you."

Madison Wallace, a senior strategic communication major from Frankfort, Kentucky, completed an eight-week summer internship at The Works PR, a public relations firm based in Dublin, Ireland. She said she not only gained work experience for when she enters the job market, she gained confidence in her abilities to adapt to her surroundings.

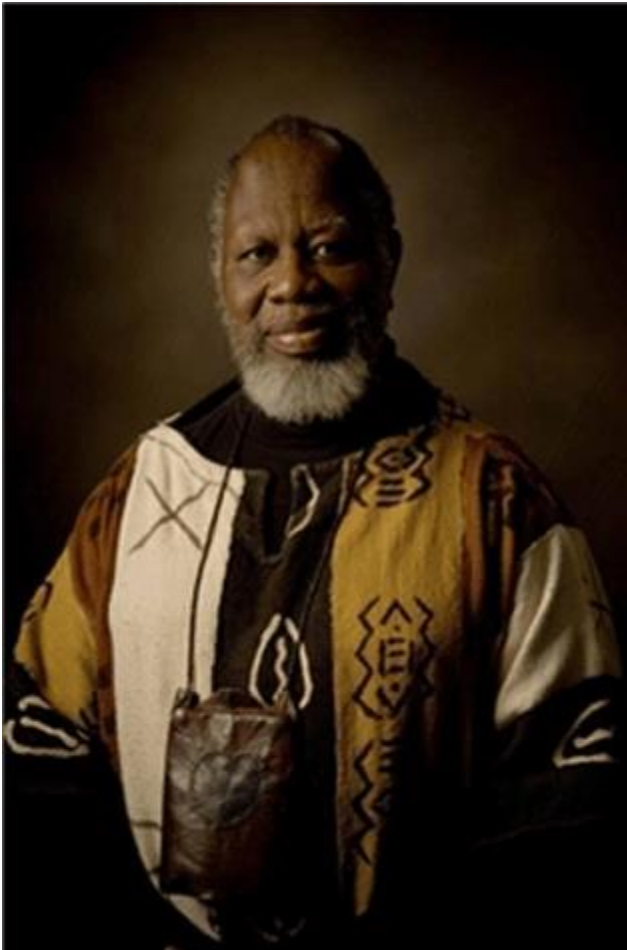
"I think the international experience is so beneficial," she said. "Coming back here, it just made me want to start traveling and experiencing more and continue to step outside of my comfort zone."

MSU Education Abroad is a program that helps bring Eagle students to other parts of the world for academic and personal fulfillment, providing opportunity to venture over physical boundaries that helps to broaden and deepen a student's perspective and understanding.

"All of us who have had the opportunity to have overseas experience know what a life-changing experience it is," said Dr. Phillip Krummrich, professor of comparative literature and director of the MSU Honors Program. "What I always say is when you go overseas, there's more to you than there used to be."

New scholarship honors area historian, MSU alum Jerry Gore

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Jerry Gore

Jerry Gore (71) grew up in Maysville, a critical crossing point from the South to the North on the Underground Railroad. As a child, his mother took him across the Ohio River to the home of the Rev. John Rankin, an abolitionist who helped hundreds of escaped slaves find their way north.

The lessons he learned from that trip and through his mother's emphasis on knowing his roots shaped Gore's entire life and career. Now, a new scholarship established at Morehead State will honor his legacy of preserving African-American history and heritage.

The Jerry Gore African-American Heritage Scholarship Endowment was established by members of the African-American Alumni Affinity Group in honor of Gore, who passed away suddenly due to illness on Aug. 3, 2016. Nearly 150 alums donated a combined \$32,000 to endow the scholarship, which will be managed by the MSU Foundation Inc. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a current MSU student.

Gore, a descendant of escaped slaves, attended the segregated John G. Fee School until the eighth grade before moving to Maysville High School. He earned dual bachelor's degrees in health and physical education and industrial arts from Morehead State in 1971 and continued his education at MSU, earning two master's degrees from MSU in 1972 and 1975. He worked in administration at MSU for 27 years and retired from his post as director of minority student affairs in 1998.

After working at MSU, Gore helped establish the National Underground Railroad Museum in Maysville. He also co-founded Freedom Time, a company that offers tours of Underground Railroad sites. He was featured on the History Channel program, "Save Our History: The Underground Railroad," and helped to organize the annual Freedom Celebration held at Maysville Community and Technical College. Gore also traveled the country to educate children about the history of slavery and the Underground Railroad, performing informative, historical skits at schools.

"It was through learning the true history of the African that everything changed for him, along with the understanding that our true history did not start with slavery, but as kings and queens," said **Peggy Overly (81)**, Gore's friend and colleague. "He always said, 'to know where you are going, you must know from which you came.'"

Over the course of his career, he was presented with the Lucy Hart Smith-Atwood S. Wilson Award for Civil and Human Rights in Education, and the Carter G. Woodson Memorial Award, and he was recognized by the National Education Association and the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History. He was also awarded the Outstanding Service Award from MSU Minority Student Services.

“He had many sons and daughters at MSU and never married nor had any children of his own,” Overly said. “Jerry helped thousands and thousands of students to come to Morehead from all kinds of backgrounds beyond students of color. What a legacy.”

For more information about the Jerry Gore African-American Heritage Scholarship Endowment, contact the MSU Foundation at **606-783-2033** or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/giving.

C.E. “Buster” Norris Scholarship’s namesake loved MSU and helping others succeed

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Pictured, from left:
Gary Duerk, the late Betty Grubb Norris and Barbara N. Duerk attend an MSU Eagles Football game.



Columbus E. "Buster" Norris (42)

When Barbara N. Duerk and her family ventured outside of their hometown of Pikeville, her father **Columbus E. "Buster" Norris (42)** would sometimes drive to the MSU campus. For Norris, just the sight of the place was enough to get him talking.

"My dad would talk about how Morehead State allowed him to get an education and see beyond where he lived and discover a world beyond 'right here,'" Duerk said.

Norris came to MSU on a football scholarship and after graduation was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, serving as a pilot during World War II. After being honorably discharged in 1946, he owned and operated Howell's Motor Freight, Inc. in Roanoke, Virginia, with his wife **Betty Grubb Norris**. The family continues to operate this multi-million dollar trucking firm today.

Norris was inducted into the MSU Alumni Hall of Fame in 1984. After his induction, he and Betty established the C.E. "Buster" Norris Scholarship Endowment by donating \$35,000 in 1985. At the time, it was the largest cash donation received by MSU Athletics.

The scholarship supports members of the MSU Football team. Mr. Norris passed away in 1992 at the age of 72.

After Norris passed, Betty strived to continue to honor his love for MSU. She made annual gifts to the scholarship endowment to continue to grow the fund. She and her children often attended MSU football games and met student-athletes who were helped by the scholarship. Mrs. Norris passed away in December 2017. At the time of her passing, the scholarship endowment was valued at over \$100,000.



Pictured, from left:

Gary Duerk, the late Betty Grubb Norris and Barbara N. Duerk attend an MSU Eagles Football game. Duerk said her father was always one who wanted to make other people's lives a little better. "Sometimes, it was with time. Sometimes, it was with money. Other times, he didn't tell people what he did. It was later when

we would receive letters saying 'thank you,'" Duerk said. "He was fortunate to have people that contributed to help him, so he always reached out to help other people to return the generosity."

The financial assistance provided by the C. E. "Buster" Norris Scholarship Endowment fund embodies this proud Eagle's legacy and shows that his character was more valuable than his success.

MSU receives aerospace accolades from Southern Business & Development magazine

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When it comes to having an economic impact in the Commonwealth and beyond, Morehead State University's Space Science program continues to soar. The Space Science Center was voted number one in two aerospace categories in "The Best of the Aerospace Industry in the American South."

The Space Science Center ranked first in The Best Aerospace R&D in Kentucky and Kentucky's Best Colleges for Aerospace Worker Training. The rankings appear in the current issue of Southern Business & Development (SB&D) magazine.

The publication, based in Birmingham, Alabama, is a business and commerce outlet with a regional reach that focuses on business, management, technology, information technology and development.

The Best of the Aerospace Industry in the American South is the latest installment of the magazine's series of the "Best of Economic Development in the American South."

For more information on MSU's Space Science Center, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/ssc.

Colvin helps students realize their potential

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During her time as an MSU student, **Shannon Colvin (89)** always enjoyed interacting with her classmates. Colvin said that in her more than two decades working at MSU, she has gained even greater joy by showing students what they are capable of accomplishing.

"My whole kind of philosophy with working with students is empowering them to realize their full potential," she said. "I've worked with students through the service region who came here for the academic reason and realized there was so much more to themselves."

As the youngest of seven children – four of which are MSU alumni – growing up in Salyersville, Colvin knew she either wanted to go to MSU or somewhere far away. While earning her Bachelor of Science in Geology, Colvin worked as a resident advisor. Throughout her regular interactions with students, she used her position to serve as a mentor.

“I think sometimes if you hear advice from a peer, it is more impactful to you than it is from an instructor or your advisor because your peer is sharing that same experience with you,” she said.

Colvin made it a point to not steer too far away from this mentality when she almost immediately took a job in the Office of Student Housing at MSU after earning her bachelor’s degree. She first became an assistant hall director before holding positions as hall director, area coordinator and later Student Life coordinator, during which time she also earned a Master of Arts in Education with an emphasis in counseling.

Colvin currently serves as associate director of leadership, programming and inclusion for the Office of Student Activities, allowing her to serve as an advisor to student organizations including the Student Government Association (SGA).

“She knows how to connect with students through her personality,” said Cameron Faudere, SGA member and sophomore strategic communications major from Owingsville. “You can see the passion she has for students and for Morehead State, especially.”

Colvin continues to guide, help and encourage Eagle students and feels empowered to do what she does because of the institution she loves.

“When I came to MSU, it was really just a place to go to school. I didn’t envision that it would have the impact it would have in my life,” she said.

Stars Aligning: NASA administrator, Congressman Rogers visit MSU's Space Science Center

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As home to one of only five space science programs in the entire country, Morehead State University draws a variety of students with astronomical career aspirations. Many Eagles enter MSU's Space Science Center to gain knowledge from world-renowned professors while acquiring both the skills and experience to potentially work for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

This past year, instead of MSU Space Science students going off to NASA, the Space Science Center got a visit from NASA – in addition to several other esteemed Kentuckians.

Robert M. Lightfoot Jr., acting administrator of NASA, visited MSU in September 2017 to learn more about the growing aerospace industry in Morehead and across Eastern Kentucky.

"It's pretty exciting to know in two years, a satellite built here is going to be circling the moon and bringing back data. Not only that, the data is going to come back through here in the same dish that's sitting up there," Lightfoot said. "That's the full lifecycle. That's pretty impressive. MSU can be very proud of that."

Lightfoot was joined by U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-05) and Kentucky Lt. Gov. Janean Hampton to tour the Space Science Center along with MSU President Dr. Jay Morgan, MSU Space Science Center Executive Director Dr. Benjamin Malphrus, Advanced Exploration Systems Program Director Andres Martinez and others. Lightfoot, Rogers, Hampton and Morgan also spoke with students, local leaders and the general public during an event at the Morehead Conference Center.

"I feel that our Space Science program is a blue-chip program," Morgan said. "With the group we have had on campus today, it just shows what the Space Science Center and its programs mean to MSU. I couldn't be any prouder."

The Space Science Center has gained recognition in aviation, aerospace and space science thanks in part to research in nanosatellite technologies. MSU has been involved in the launch of five NASA-funded satellites: CXBN, CXBN-2, Lunar ICEcube, Ky-Sat 2 and the DM-7 Flight Demonstration.

Lt. Gov. Hampton agrees that the program is a huge deal for the Commonwealth.

"Morehead State University is at the forefront of the aerospace and aviation research and development in Kentucky," Hampton said. "This is absolutely going to be beneficial to the state of Kentucky."

For Congressman Rogers, his visit led him to recall how the MSU Space Science program went from an ambitious idea to a very real and promising reality that could benefit Kentucky for generations to come.

"I can't believe it has come this far this quick," he said. "When (former MSU president) Ron Eaglin first came to see me and told me about his plan, I wouldn't have envisioned this would happen so fast. You have to credit the students, staff and leadership of Morehead State. For students who desire an exciting career in space, this is the place to be ... in Eastern Kentucky at Morehead State University."

Impact by design

The legacy of late art professor Deeno Golding

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Deeno Golding was a fixture in the Claypool-Young Art Building for the last 25 years. He was such a presence in the building's classrooms and hallways that many still have a hard time believing he is gone.

MSU art professor Elizabeth Mesa-Gaido shared that she was used to seeing him every day, as his office was directly across from her own. Golding died suddenly of a heart condition at age 47 while visiting family in Florida. Because this occurred during MSU's winter break, Mesa-Gaido said it sometimes feels like he is on an extended vacation or sabbatical.

"I don't think that by the memorial service, everybody had absorbed it. We all kept thinking he was just going to walk in. That his office door was going to open all of the sudden," Mesa-Gaido said. "There was a void of his person, his voice, his motion."

When Golding came to MSU in 1994 after receiving his Master of Fine Arts from the Savannah College of Art and Design, he was a towering figure in both stature and personality. He was crucial to the Department of Art and Design, having crafted the department's graphic design curriculum. While a majority of his time was spent with students at MSU, he also taught summers at the Arts Academy of Guanxi in China and the Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program.

He also served as a faculty advisor for the American Institute for Graphic Arts (AIGA) and would take groups of students to New York City to visit design firms, museums and galleries.

These trips are one example of Golding showing his students what they could do with their art outside the classroom. He also provided them with motivation and inspiration during class.

Brittany Centers (18), an art major with an emphasis in graphic design, was drawing a cartoonish self-portrait in Golding's guest book at his memorial service at the Claypool-Young Art Building. She wants to be an animator and even though she only had him for two graphic design classes, she said he encouraged her to believe in her dreams and reach for her goals.

"He made me feel confident in what I wanted to do and what I wanted to be," she said. "He was definitely a dad figure to everybody."

Adam Jones (10) was in attendance for Golding's memorial service, along with many current and former MSU art faculty and students. Jones remembers being intimidated by Golding at first but soon found a gentle soul who helped him find his artistic voice.

"I remember he always pushed me to be who I was," he said. "It goes beyond just being a teacher. He's more of a role model. It's like losing a family member."

"ENJOY THE GOOD THINGS AND MOURN THE BAD, BUT REMEMBER, YOU MUST NEVER FLY TOO HIGH, FOR YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SEE LIFE BELOW. YOU MUST ALSO NEVER BURY YOURSELF TOO LOW INTO THE GROUND, FOR YOU WILL BE ABSENT FROM LIFE ABOVE. UNDERSTAND WHO YOU ARE." – DEENO GOLDING

Both Golding's family and the MSU family came together to honor Golding's legacy as both an artist and a teacher. On May 4, Golding's wife, Yanya Yang, his brother-in-law, Neng Yang, and son, Milo, came to campus for the dedication of the Golding-Yang Art Gallery. The family has also endowed the Deeno Golding Scholarship Fund for MSU art and design students.

If you ask anyone, the Jamaican-born professor's biggest impact was his frequent and meaningful interactions with students in the classroom, the design lab or in the hallways of Claypool-Young. Golding was a teacher and motivator who helped people see the potential in themselves and the potential to pass on what they've learned to others.

"I think in terms of legacy, the students, the alums I was speaking with, they all said they wanted to live their life modeled after him in terms of his mentorship, how he mentored them, the kind of person he was with others who were trying to work their way up the ladder. That's what they wanted to carry on and do for

others,” Mesa-Gaido said. “A lot of students had no idea what they were capable of and he pushed them to see what they didn’t see in themselves and now they want to share it with others. That’s life-changing.”

Eagle Baseball claims 2018 OVC tournament title, land spot in NCAA tournament

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Eagle Baseball upended No. 18 Tennessee Tech University (TTU) in the final round of the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) Tournament this past May to capture the 2018 OVC Championship.

Junior left-fielder Niko Hulsizer hit a go-ahead solo homer in the top of the ninth inning off the OVC Pitcher of the Year, Tennessee Tech’s Travis Moths, as the Eagles held on to win the second game 4-3. The Eagles topped TTU in the first matchup 11-6 to force the league’s “if necessary” game and won it to mark the fourth time since 2005 a team has come back from the consolation bracket to win the event by knocking off the other team twice.

Hulsizer was named tournament MVP. He was joined on the All-Tournament Team by sophomore lefty Dalton Stambaugh, second baseman **Braxton Morris (18)**, junior outfielder Jake Hammon and freshman lefty Cory Conway.

It is Morehead State’s fourth OVC Baseball title, joining the teams from 1983, 1993 and 2015.

“We knew coming into this year that we had the talent to be a regional team, and I am so proud to coach these men,” said head coach **Mike McGuire (96)**. “Tennessee Tech is a tremendous club, but we just stuck with the plan that helped us win yesterday. A lot of credit goes to our pitching staff for what they accomplished this week, but this was a total team title. Everyone contributed in some way. All I know is we get to keep

playing and we get to keep coaching this great group. It doesn't matter who or where we go for the regional, we are just happy to be in it."

Eagle Baseball went to Clemson, South Carolina, for the 2018 NCAA. Regional Morehead State (four seed) faced No. 10 national seed and fifth-ranked Clemson on June 1 at Dough Kinsmore Stadium in the double elimination format. Clemson defeated Morehead State 4-3 in 10 innings. This sent MSU into an elimination game against St. John's, where Eagle Baseball was defeated 11-5. The Eagles finished with a record of 37-26.

This marked the Eagle program's fourth-ever NCAA Regional berth, joining teams from 1977 (Miami Regional), 1983 (Ann Arbor [Michigan] Regional) and 2015 (Louisville Regional). Braxton Morris, **David Calderon (18)** and **Tyler Niemann (18)** were the first players in program history to be on two regional qualifying teams.

Winter Commencement 2017

Morehead State University honored nearly 600 degree candidates at MSU's Fall Commencement ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Academic-Athletic Center.

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From left to right:

Regent **Patrick Price (71)**, Regent **Eric E. Howard (81)**,
Regent **Wayne M. Martin (68)**, **Lindsay Childs (17)**, Regent **Paul C. Goodpaster (89)**,
President Jay Morgan and **Rep. Rocky Adkins (82)** at MSU's Fall Commencement.



Lindsay Childs (17) was

the commencement ceremony's student speaker.

"Due to the guidance and encouragement of my instructors, I was given many different chances to not only prove myself but also shape the next generation of students. By giving me these opportunities, the faculty showed me how much they believed and supported me, as well as proving that they saw something in me that I did not see in myself." – Lindsay Childs



From left to right:

Cadets **Carly Derrick (17)**, **Patrick Carlisle (17)** and **Joshua Pace (17)** of MSU's ROTC program are commissioned as officers during the commencement ceremony.



MSU's Office of Student

Activities, Inclusion and Leadership Development sponsored the Rites of Passage Recognition Ceremony. Fall graduates who participated include:

Front row (left to right): **Aliyah Wells (17)**, **Apria Thomas (17)**, **Paula Jones (17)**, **Kevyn Allen (17)** and **Janie Morris (17)**.

Back row (left to right): **Deion Green (17)**, **Kristina Tweedy (17)**, **Yasmeen Smith (17)**, **Noelle Meadows (17)**, **Darius Alford (17)** and **Tre Huddleston (17)**.



Noah Colley sings the Alma

Mater.

2018 Notable Alumni Recognition

These Eagle alumni have demonstrated success in their career fields and/or communities and were be recognized at the 2018 Homecoming Brunch.

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Dorron Hunter (82) of Cincinnati is a mentor of at-risk youth through the Future Leaders Youth Group. Through his work with the group, he encourages students to steer clear of violence and focus on their education. He directs many of his kids to Morehead State and almost yearly brings a busload of students to visit MSU, attend a football game and experience the campus he knows and loves.



Denise Taylor (88) of Louisville is a special event coordinator, motivational speaker and author. She created the national movement of Wacky Wednesday, a weekly spirit-lifting program that originated when her late daughter, Jonnae, was in the hospital with leukemia. She is the founder of We GET To, a nonprofit organization for cancer patients and survivors started in honor of her daughter's memory.

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To make a gift in memory of one or more of these individuals, call the Office of Alumni Relations & Development at 800-783-ALUM or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/giving.

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- Nelson M. Carpenter – 1954
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- James R. Ely – 1956
- James R. Mann – 1956
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- Robert W. Hudson – 1958
- Marjorie C. Mceldowney – 1958
- Donald F. Flatt – 1959
- Jean W. Hutchinson – 1959
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- Robert A. Freund – 1960
- Charles G. Patton – 1960
- Edgar P. Warinner – 1960
- Dorothy L. Blevins – 1961
- James E. Collins – 1961
- Wanda J. Reed – 1961
- Monta C. Rice – 1961
- Tommy J. Stamper – 1961
- Jerry O. Turner – 1961
- Harold L. Wilson – 1961
- Ronald G. Barker – 1962
- Brode Cornett – 1962
- Christopher S. Gallaher – 1962
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- America R. Nichols – 1964
- Delores M. Tyler – 1964
- Robert A. Wagel – 1964
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- Sharon L. Ledford – 1965
- Patrick E. Martin – 1965
- Richard J. Osterrieder – 1965
- David Schwartz – 1965
- Harry E. Smittle – 1965
- Jephtha D. Ward – 1965
- Robert A. James – 1966
- Mary Jo Netherton – 1966
- Jewell T. Peffer – 1966
- Eulas P. Rowland – 1966
- Wendell H. Salmons – 1966
- William K. Baldrige – 1967
- Larry J. Hall – 1967
- Charles M. Meadows – 1967
- Donald E. Payne – 1967
- Anita C. Snyder – 1967
- Sandra S. Baldrige – 1968
- Charlene Collins – 1968
- Austin D. Crusie – 1968
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- James P. Schulte – 1968
- Richard D. Eblin – 1969
- Linda C. Griffith – 1969
- Chester R. Hartman – 1969
- Terry T. Hill – 1969
- Eric R. Collis – 1970
- Vona L. Deaton – 1970
- John M. Decker – 1970
- Albert D. Kassen – 1970

- June H. Stephens – 1970
- Janet Wilson – 1970
- Robert G. Gunzel – 1971
- Thelma P. Poff – 1971
- Madonna A. Shircliff – 1971
- Brenda L. Chadwick – 1972
- Janet M. Coakley – 1972
- Allen J. Mathews – 1972
- Susan R. Brindle – 1973
- Michael D. Mayhew – 1973
- William M. Perkins – 1973
- Gary D. Welbaum – 1973
- Roy L. Cassidy – 1974
- Stephen W. Davis – 1974
- Donna L. Jones – 1974
- Brenda W. Popovich – 1974
- Barbara L. Sturgill – 1974
- Etta M. Swinney – 1974
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- Waunita L. Reid – 1975
- Sara S. Studebaker – 1975
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- Connie E. Estes – 1978
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- Pamela K. Maynard – 1978
- Mickey R. Sylvester – 1978
- John T. Wettig – 1978
- Tamma J. Clark – 1979
- Epainitus F. Kilasi – 1979
- Cluster G. Robbins – 1979

- Timothy W. Strohecker – 1979
- Joann C. Coffey – 1980
- Helen M. Hunt – 1980
- Barbara McGraw – 1980
- Cheryl G. Spears – 1980
- Sandra K. Hawn – 1981
- Carola H. Sprague – 1981
- Iva J. Runyon – 1982
- Joan C. Hopkins-Flanery – 1983
- Frances A. Elam – 1984
- Beth Ann Wolfe – 1984
- Rosalind A. Brennan – 1985
- Jeffery T. Stewart – 1985
- Carolyn S. Hamilton – 1986
- Roger V. Leyerle – 1986
- Amy L. Thomas – 1986
- Lisa E. Coyle – 1987
- John M. Davis – 1987
- Eugene C. Hunt – 1987
- Eva J. Harris – 1988
- Anita Sinha – 1988
- Donald L. Castle – 1990
- Julia C. Jordan – 1990
- Pamela C. Box – 1992
- Margaret R. Collins – 1992
- Tonia Kandiero – 1993
- Judith C. Klicker – 1993
- Jeffrey J. Young – 1993
- Kathleen C. Deskins – 1994
- Wanda B. Kitchen – 1994
- Sharlyn S. Chaffin – 1995
- Glenda K. Merion – 1996
- Mary S. Byrd – 1997

- William L. Lequire – 1998
- Candina R. Phillips – 2000
- Randall E. Runyon – 2000
- Amilyn D. Bailey – 2003
- Elizabeth G. Fraley – 2003
- Anthony K. Prater – 2003
- Nancy Claxon – 2004
- Anthony W. Lockard – 2004
- Melissa K. Williams – 2004
- Teresa G. Lester – 2005
- Justin R. Yelton – 2006
- Patricia L. Ferguson – 2008
- Julia M. Fraley – 2010
- Jason C. Tackett – 2014
- Thomas M. Adams – ND
- George E. Barnette – ND
- John T. Collins – ND
- Kenneth R. Parker – ND
- Nelson Porter – ND
- Donald N. Stratton – ND
- Irene B. Watson – ND
- Jesse N. Caudill*
- Cora J. Click*
- Johnson E. “Gene” Duncan*
- Deeno A. Golding*
- Nolie R. Kidd*
- Paul R. McGhee*
- Thomas C. Morrison*
- Eleanor Reser*
- Laura E. Sadler*
- Vasile J. Venettozzi*
- Brenda Whitt*

. Six Eagles inducted into Halls of Fame at 2018 Homecoming

- *Inductees into the Alumni and Athletic Halls of Fame – along with the recipient of the 2018 Founders Award for University Service – were recognized during a banquet on Friday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m. at the Morehead Conference Center. For more information, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/homecoming, call 800-783-ALUM or email events@moreheadstate.edu.*
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. **Alumni Hall of Fame**

- **Ronald Cartee (65)** is the co-founder and president/CEO of Cartee Land Development. Originally from Greenup County, Cartee and his wife co-founded a company that began building housing subdivisions in 1975 in Portsmouth, Ohio. He went on to build his first Arby's restaurant in 1990, one of 26 Arby's restaurants in Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia.
- Cartee has earned multiple awards from Arby's Inc., including Developer of the Year on two occasions and the President's Award, the most distinguished national award given by Arby's Inc., to honor lifetime achievement and success in the Arby's system worldwide. He and his companies have long been a charitable partner with local communities and have partnered with Arby's Inc., and Big Brothers/Big Sisters and No Child Hungry campaigns, raising over \$500,000.
- **Julie Riffe (76)** is a nurse practitioner with the Huntington Internal Medicine Group and director of Tri-State Medical Missions, both in Huntington, West Virginia. Originally from Barboursville, West Virginia, Riffe has served in the medical field for almost three decades with a focus on women's health.

- Riffe was the first midwife in a private practice in Huntington, as well as the first nurse practitioner to own a private NP practice in the Huntington/Tri-State area. She has served as team leader for multiple medical mission trips, including earthquake relief efforts in Haiti, Ecuador and tsunami relief efforts in South India. When Riffe was at MSU, she was the first woman to run women's track and field and was the first woman to receive an athletic scholarship at MSU.
- **Robert Kelly Wells (95)** is the head men's basketball coach at the University of Pikeville. He is the all-time winningest coach in program history with a 259-97 record. His basketball squad also won the 2010-11 NAIA National Championship and he was honored that same year with the 2010-11 Rawlings NAIA Division I National Coach of the Year. Prior to that, he held positions from 2004 to 2006 at Hawaii Pacific University in Honolulu as assistant men's basketball coach, assistant director of athletics and head men's basketball coach. In the collegiate ranks, Wells holds a 267-116 record through 12 seasons.
- Wells is a native of Morehead, graduate of Rowan County High School and son of MSU Athletic Hall of Fame member and former MSU Women's Basketball **Coach Mickey Wells (64)**. He played three years with MSU Men's Basketball from 1992 to 1994, where he scored over 450 points and was named 1993-94 Academic All-OVC Conference.

• ***Athletic Hall of Fame***

- **Nick Atzinger (03)** was a five-time individual tournament champion during his MSU Golf career. He was also a member of the 1999 OVC Championship team and the All-OVC Tournament Team in 2001 and 2002.
- Atzinger also placed runner-up at the 2001 OVC Tournament, shooting a tournament total of 208 and finishing just one shot behind the OVC Tournament champion.
- **David Hyland (09)** played defensive back for MSU from 2005 to 2008. He is a three-time All-PFL selection (2006, 2007, 2008) and was recognized as a Sports Network Mid-Major All-American and Football Gazette Mid-Major All-American in 2007. Hyland holds the MSU record for career interceptions

(21), the school record for longest interception return (100 yards) and, until 2015, held the single-season record for interceptions in a season with eight.

- Hyland finished his career with 167 tackles and a then FCS-record 61 pass break-ups, as well as 12 receptions for 155 yards on offense. He followed his MSU football career with a stellar career in the Arena Football League, winning ArenaBowl XXVIII with the San Jose Sabercats in 2015, and was named Defensive Player and Player of the Game. Hyland has also earned accolades for giving back off the field, and was named the 2015 A1 Lucas AFL Pulse Hero Award winner for his community service work.
- **Karen Lutes (04)** was a 14-time All-OVC selection in track and field. She was named the OVC Cross Country Runner of the Year in 2001 and the OVC Athlete of the Year in 2000 and 2003 for indoor track. She was named First-Team All-OVC in cross country in 2001 and Second-Team All-OVC in 2000 and 2003.
- Lutes helped lead the 2000 MSU Cross Country Team to the OVC title while winning 11 individual OVC Championships in track and field. She was a five-time OVC Runner of the Week winner in 2000 and 2001, as well as earning All-OVC honors in track and field 10 times. Lutes won the 5,000-meter run at the OVC Championships in 2000, 2001 and 2003 in indoor track and the 3,000-meter run in indoor track in 2000 and 2003. She also racked up academic honors and was named to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll three times (1999-00, 2002-03, 2003-04).

. Spring Commencement 2018

- *Morehead State University honored nearly 1,200 degree candidates at MSU's Spring Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 12, at the Academic-Athletic Center.*

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- Spring graduates who participated in the Rites of Passage ceremony include: First row (left to right): **Jaerica Meschele Overall (18), Rochelle Payne (18), Darianne Seward (18), Caprice Smith (18), David Van Tran (18), Chazmon Latrelle Warr (18), Jasmine Wilson (18), Shanae Brown (18) and Faith Carruthers (18).**

Second row (left to right): **Christian Lamar Robinson (18), Jeffrey Charles Jones (18), Chelsea Paige O'Neal (18), Rian Pennman (18), Erin Blaine (18), Crystal Nicole Simmons (18), Te'a Johnson (18), Chazmon Latrelle Warr (18), Dominique St. Louis (18) and Shauntae Mychele**

Brown (18).

Third row (left to right): **Robert Dwayne Cornelius-Thomas (18)**, **Ke' Shaun Edward Marzette (18)**, **Todd Dockery Jr. (18)**, **Keyshawn Devonte Bell (18)**, **Marquez Young (18)**, **Devon Hodge (18)**, **Svea Carter (18)** and **Kellee Harvey**



(18).

Jeffery Tyler

Syck (18) from Pikeville serves as the student speaker for the morning commencement ceremony

honoring graduates of the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and the College of



Education.

Thirteen

ROTC officers were commissioned by the U.S. Army during commencement. Pictured, left to right: **Rebecca Abbott (18),**

Elijah Rains (18), Joshua Riley (18), Brandon Reeves (18),

Jacob Parker (18), Druanne Sutton (18) and Tiara Taylor (18).

Not pictured are **Matthew Belcher (18), Bradley Hensley (18), Tara Hill (18), Sean Lawless (18), Amy Polchinski (18) and Alexander Van Hoose (18).**



Maggie Fleming

Pollitt (18) of Hillsboro serves as the student speaker for the afternoon commencement ceremony, which honored graduates of the College of Business and Technology and the College of Science.



Kristy Havens of West

Liberty pictured with MSU President Jay Morgan, accepts a posthumous degree for her sister, **Jessica Havens (18)**. Jessica passed away earlier this year.

Baseball alum Taylor Davis gets Major League call up to the Cubs

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Former Morehead State baseball star and catcher **Taylor Davis (14)** got an opportunity to showcase his skills at the major league level when he was called up to the Chicago Cubs.

Davis, a free agent when he left Morehead State for the professional ranks in 2011, has spent a majority of the past three seasons playing for the Iowa Cubs in Triple A. This season, he put together a .297 batting average with six home runs and 62 RBIs in 102 games. He spent the 2013, 2014 and 2015 seasons mostly with the Double A Tennessee Smokies.

A native of Jupiter, Florida, he was originally drafted by the Florida Marlins out of high school and has become somewhat of an internet sensation this season with his “stare downs” at TV and webcast cameras in stadiums. He was a First-Team All-Ohio Valley Conference selection in 2011, when he batted .414, nailed 17 home runs, legged out 13 doubles and recorded 48 RBIs.

Davis is the first position player from MSU to be in the Major Leagues since Denny Doyle in the 1970s.

Crafting a college experience

Craft Academy graduates describe life as college students at MSU

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As a chemistry major, he's enjoyed continuing to work closely with professors on his research projects, which will prove helpful for Grothaus' aspirations to continue his education in graduate school and eventually work for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). After graduating from the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics – MSU's dual-credit, residential high school with a STEM+X curriculum – the class of 2017 completed 60 college credit hours and could choose to enroll in any number of higher education institutions to further their education.

Several decided to continue as MSU Eagles. We talked to a few of them about choosing to continue their college experience at MSU after graduating from the Craft Academy.

For more information about the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/craft-academy.

Trulee Gilkison



As a 19-year-old college junior, Trulee Gilkison is excited that the Craft Academy has given her a head start on her college education. She plans to earn a Ph.D. and become a math professor to challenge students the way her professors have helped her.

Math is a favorite subject for Trulee Gilkison of Lawrenceburg, thanks in part to her mother, who is a math teacher.

In addition to knowing she wanted to study math, Gilkison also knew she wanted to go to a STEM school after seeing her oldest sister attend the Gatton Academy at Western Kentucky University. She learned about the Craft Academy and immediately fell in love with the MSU campus and the close-knit sense of community she felt on her visit.

She is pursuing her passion while networking with others in her field. She is currently a math tutor on campus and is heavily involved in MSU's Math Club.

"I've always had a calling to help people out and math is a really strong suit in my life," she said. "I just feel like I'm called to teach."

Mitchell Grothaus



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Mitchell Grothaus always had an affinity for science and math growing up across the river from Cincinnati in Taylor Mill. When he joined his fifth-grade robotics club and qualified for a state competition, he knew he didn't want a typical high school experience.

When he received a letter about the opening of the Craft Academy, he jumped at the chance to get away from home and experience an education tailored to his strengths. While attending Craft, he focused on chemistry and worked closely with Professor of Biology Dr. Janelle Hare.

In addition to the academic experience and benefits, Grothaus said he found an unexpected connection with his fellow Craft-mates.

"We all were just pushing to be the best we can possibly be, so we became close friends. We just felt like it would be a great thing to get to know each other and it turned out to be a really great thing," he said. "The friendships I've developed through it are lifetime friendships."

Nicholas Kessinger



"I like the idea of an accelerated education. I also liked the fact that it assisted gifted and hardworking students," Kessinger said. "I felt like it was something that would suit my needs." Since Nicholas Kessinger excelled in math and biology and didn't feel challenged by his classwork, the Craft Academy seemed like a perfect fit.

Kessinger, of Louisa, enjoyed more than challenging courses at the Craft Academy. He was grateful for special field trips with students including a ski and snowboarding trip and education abroad to places like Germany, Switzerland and France to learn about renewable energy resources.

Even though Kessinger is 18, he is currently a junior at MSU thanks to credit hours he earned in the Craft Academy. He came to Craft to focus on biomedical sciences but is pursuing a degree in nursing to become a nurse anesthetist. Thanks to living on campus his junior and senior year of high school, the transition to being a full-time college student has been easier.

Sutherland, Kanu and Boone named to Academic All-PFL team

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From left: Jake

Sutherland, Sayyid Kanu and Bradley Boone.

Morehead State football athletes **Jake Sutherland (18)**, Sayyid Kanu and Bradley Boone were named to the Academic All-PFL, Second Team.

This is the fourth consecutive season at least three Eagles were named to the team.

The Academic All-PFL Teams are comprised of those student-athletes who have at least a 3.3 cumulative GPA and are significant contributors on the field for their teams.

Sutherland, a tight end from Ortonville, Michigan, has a 3.7 GPA in exercise science. He hauled in 31 catches for 249 yards and two touchdowns this season, starting all 11 games. Sutherland also played a key role on special teams, making five tackles on kick coverage.

Kanu, a redshirt senior safety from Columbus, Ohio, currently holds a 3.58 GPA and is majoring in business. He ranked second on the team with 63 total tackles in 2017. He also had 1.5 tackles for losses and broke up two passes.

Boone, a redshirt junior punter from Maysville, has a 3.51 GPA and is majoring in health and physical education. He ranked among the top punters in the PFL with a 38.8 average on 41 boots. Boone boomed eight punts more than 50 yards and landed 10 inside the 20-yard line. He also successfully completed two passes on fourth-down fake punt situations.

Soccer earns second consecutive OVC Team Sponsorship Award

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In a poll of soccer players and head coaches from across the Ohio Valley Conference, Morehead State soccer earned the OVC Team Sportsmanship Award for the second consecutive season.

"It is always a true honor to receive this award," said MSU head coach Warren Lipka. "It shows a level of respect to the game, as well as to our conference opponents."

The OVC Team Sportsmanship Award is bestowed yearly in each respective sport upon the team deemed to have best exhibited the standards of sportsmanship and ethical behavior as outlined by the OVC and NCAA. Included in the areas for evaluation are the conduct of athletes, coaches, staff, administrators and fans.

Rifle team moves up to highest national rank in program history

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2017-18 Eagle Rifle

team

On the strength of four consecutive victories, the MSU rifle team moved up to 12th in the Collegiate Rifle Coaches Association national poll. The spot just outside the top 10 is the highest ranking ever achieved by Morehead State Rifle.

The Eagles' victory in 2017 over OVC rival Jacksonville State (the first in program history against JSU) vaulted the team higher in the rankings. MSU also owns victories over nationally-ranked North Georgia and UT Martin (twice).

MSU's 4,645 aggregate total at Jacksonville State was a school record. In this year's OVC Championship, MSU Rifle took second place, the program's highest finish ever since tying for second place in 2009. The team also earned its second consecutive OVC Team Sportsmanship Award, an award bestowed upon the conference squads deemed to have exhibited the standards of sportsmanship and ethical behavior as outlined by the OVC and NCAA.

Eagle runners record top times at NCAA Southeast Regional Championship

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Junior Farah

Abdulkarim finished 23rd among 230 runners, setting the fastest 10K time in school history with a time of 29:41.8.

MSU cross country teams concluded their 2017 season at the NCAA Southeast Region Championship. The men finished 10th, and the women were 31st.

Four more Eagle runners set top times, including seniors Justin Moakler (30:17.0), Shane Rigsby (31:17.2) and Corey Tooke (31:47.4) and junior Aaron Wier (30:25.2).

Finishing for the men were junior Jarrett Mattingly with a time of 31:58.3 and **Dylan Rich (18)** with a time of 32:37.9.

Junior Caitlin Cunningham led the women's team in the 6K with a season-best time of 23:01.2.

Rounding out the top five for the Eagle women were senior Kansas Greenwell (23:50.2), junior Alison Chinn (23:55.7), junior Shelby Watkins (24:23.0) and senior Mya Faris (24:38.7).

Eagle Center provides opportunities for academic, athletic success

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MSU student-athletes have a facility that helps the numbers they earn in the classroom match or exceed the stats they rack up on the field or the court.

The EAGLE (Eagle Athletics Guided Learning and Enhancement) Center is where MSU student-athletes go for help with academics, eligibility and a place to relax. Adjacent to Jayne Stadium, the EAGLE Center is open 49 hours a week over six days (closed Saturdays). The 7,000-square-foot building includes space for computer labs, learning labs, a study area and staff for academic assistance. There is also Wi-Fi, 30 computers and seating for 110 people. Study and life skills workshops are offered throughout each semester.

Each MSU student is assigned an academic advisor to ensure they maintain the necessary pace for graduation and register for the appropriate classes. The EAGLE Center provides increased academic support to student-athletes, as well as tailored advice on eligibility and structuring class schedules in a way that doesn't interfere with athletic practices and contests.



The EAGLE (Eagle Athletics Guided Learning and Enhancement) Center

The results speak for themselves. Morehead State has claimed an Ohio Valley Conference-record 12 Academic Achievement banners. The award is given to the league member with the highest percentage of student-athletes named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll. MSU student-athletes recorded a 3.13 cumulative GPA during the Fall 2017 semester. There were 10 programs that posted better than a 3.0 GPA and 39 individuals registered a 4.0 GPA. Additionally, 66 student-athletes registered between a 3.50-3.99 GPA. The figures encompass more than 250 athletes who competed in NCAA-sponsored sports during the fall semester.

Beach Volleyball hosts Kentucky's first NCAA Division I match at new facility

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Morehead State beach volleyball made history by becoming the first NCAA Division I-sanctioned beach volleyball program in the state of Kentucky last season. The Eagles hosted the state's first NCAA Division I-

sanctioned matches thanks to a first-of-its-kind partnership with Fazoli's of Morehead to name the new campus beach volleyball facility Fazoli's Breadstick Beach.

Fazoli's Breadstick Beach is located on the east end of campus, adjacent to the baseball facility (Allen Field) and just north of the EAGLE Center. The facility features three NCAA-size courts, as well as a wooden deck for fans to watch matches, a rinse shower and water bottle filling station. Just outside the facility is a hillside, which also provides great viewing opportunities for fans.

For the season opener and first contest in the new facility, MSU hosted Ohio Valley Conference rival Austin Peay on April 2. MSU dropped both matches 5-0. This marked the second time the two traditionally indoor rivals have met in the sand.

Cheer squads take national titles again

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Times may change, but one thing stays consistent: The Morehead State Cheerleading program remains at the top of its sport.

The MSU all-women and coed cheer squads claimed national championships this past January at the Universal Cheerleading Association College Nationals in Orlando, Florida.

After winning three titles from 2014-16, the all-women team took second place last year. This season, the all-women squad claimed its 12th overall first-place trophy. The coed squad won its 26th national title since 1988 and its third straight.

Morehead State Cheerleading has won an unmatched 43 national championship trophies since 1988.

The squads also had two partner stunt teams compete, and Beaker, MSU's Eagle mascot, competed for the first-ever time in the mascot competition, where he took fourth place.

MSU Athletics achieves 100 percent giving from full-time coaches and staff

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MSU Athletics achieved 100 percent participation from full-time coaches and staff in donations toward the University's annual Eagle Excellence Fund, demonstrating the true meaning of "One Town. One Team."

Supporting Morehead State's athletic department by providing the best academic and athletic resources available, the Eagle Excellence Fund directly impacts the lives of both current and future student-athletes.

"It is so gratifying to know that our athletics staff recognizes the value of supporting our student-athletes through their own personal and private financial commitment," said Director of Athletics **Brian Hutchinson (96)**. "Knowing that everyone on our staff participates in our annual giving program should be proof that an investment in athletics at MSU is important to our collective success."

Senior Associate Director of Athletics Brad Smith, who spearheaded Morehead State's "One Town. One Team." initiative, knows that success can only be obtained if each member of the MSU community believes in a common goal.

"Our 'One Town. One Team.' message goes far beyond branding," Smith said. "With all full-time Morehead State coaches and staff giving 100 percent financially, it means we believe in our students and the academic mission of the University and we want others to be a part of it."

To make a gift to the Eagle Excellence Fund, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/giving.

Former Eagle Collins signs pro deal in Germany

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Former Morehead State men's basketball point guard **Corban Collins (16)** has agreed to play at the next level by signing with the VFL Kirchheim Knights in Kirchheim, Germany.

The hoops club is one of 16 teams that sanction play in Germany's Pro-A league, the second highest league in the nation.

“I’M EXCITED TO START THIS NEW CHAPTER OF MY LIFE. I HAVE BEEN DREAMING OF PLAYING PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL EVER SINCE I WAS YOUNG. TO BE ABLE TO SEE ALL THE HARD WORK COME TO FRUITION, IT’S THE BIGGEST BLESSING TO ME.”

– Collins

In his final campaign with Morehead State, Collins led all scorers in the 2015-16 season, chipping in 11 points per game. Additionally, Collins ranked in the Top 15 in the Ohio Valley Conference in three-point percentage (second in the league at 42.5 percent), assist-turnover ratio (second in the league at 3.0), assists per game (3.0), steals per game (1.2) and three-point field goals made (57).

A native of High Point, North Carolina, his top performance as an Eagle came on Jan. 16, 2016, at Eastern Illinois University. Collins poured in 28 points on 10-of-16 shooting (5-of-8 from behind the arc), in addition to five rebounds and three assists. His career high in assists (8) happened in Johnson City, Tennessee, when the Eagles faced East Tennessee State on Dec. 30, 2015.

Collins' contributions helped support one of the best seasons in program history. The 2015-16 Eagles finished with a 23-14 overall record, with an 11-5 OVC mark, and a runner-up finish in the College Basketball Invitational Tournament. Collins graduated with his bachelor's degree in health promotions.

2018 Eagle Spirit Award

This award is given to an alumnus who is a proud and active Eagle. This individual regularly demonstrates Eagle Pride through attending MSU events, student recruitment, encouraging active support of MSU among peers and/or representing the University in a positive manner. The recipient was recognized at the 2018 Homecoming Brunch.

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Ray Magnifico (68) of Point Pleasant, New Jersey, is a retired high school guidance counselor who volunteered to serve as a reunion coordinator for MSU alumni of his era. For more than a decade, Magnifico has organized an annual alumni reunion of classmates at MSU Homecoming. What began as a small group of a dozen Eagles has now grown to include more than 50 returning alumni from states as far away as New Jersey, Texas and Nevada.

Former dean emeritus Dr. Johnson “Gene” Duncan dies at 98

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Dr. Johnson Eugene "Gene" Duncan, 98, retired dean emeritus of Morehead, passed away on Feb. 2, 2018.

Duncan attended Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, where he earned a bachelor's degree in music in 1941 and a master's degree in music in 1947. A World War II veteran serving in the Army Air Corps, he served as a high school and college band director in Alabama before accepting a fellowship at the Peabody College of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, where he earned a Ph.D. in music in 1955.

Duncan and his late wife, **Jane (69)**, had returned to Jacksonville, Alabama, when Dr. Adron Doran, president of Morehead State College, called him and convinced him to come to Morehead to build a strong music department. The Duncans arrived in 1956 and, for the next 28 years, Duncan excelled in building a renowned music program, serving as head of the MSU Department of Music, chairman of fine arts and dean of the College of Humanities before he retired from the University in 1982. He also served as the national president of Phi Mu Alpha Music Fraternity and national president of the Sinfonia Foundation.

He was the recipient of the Founders Award for University Service in 1994, and the J. E. Duncan Recital Hall in the Baird Music Building is named in his honor.

To make a gift in memory of one or more of these individuals, call the Office of Alumni Relations & Development at **800-783-ALUM** or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/giving.

Retired music chair Dr. Christopher Gallaher passes away

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Dr. Christopher S. Gallaher (62), 77, retired Department of Music chair, of Morehead passed away on Feb. 25, 2018.

Born in Ashland, Gallaher earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in music education/composition in 1962, a Master of Music (theory and trumpet) degree at Indiana University (IU) in 1965 and a Ph.D. degree in music theory/composition/trumpet from IU in 1975.

Gallaher taught at MSU from 1972 until his retirement in 2003. He served as the chair of the Department of Music and was awarded the 1996-97 "Distinguished Creative Productions Award." He was an extensively published composer/arranger of nearly 50 compositions and arrangements. Gallaher performed with artists such as Andy Williams, Glen Campbell, Elvis Presley, Johnny Mathis, Henry Mancini, Sonny and Cher, and Pat Boone.

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MSU mourns philanthropist Joyce Herron

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Joyce Faith Kincer Herron, 82, wife of retiree Dr. J. Dudley Herron, died April 2, 2018.

Herron was a native of Mayking in Letcher County before attending nursing school in Lexington. There, she met and married J. Dudley Herron of Providence. Over the course of their nearly 62 years of marriage, the couple and their three sons settled in many places throughout the United States, and lived in several other countries, including Germany, Malaysia, Israel, Scotland and China while visiting many others.

The Herrons established the Herron Leadership Scholars Program during the 2016-17 academic year. The program is designed to aid in recruiting and retention while developing student leaders from each county in MSU's 22-county service region.

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MSU mourns devoted Eagle Alum Timothy Strohecker

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Timothy Wayne Strohecker, (79), 61, of Dunmor passed away on Nov. 26, 2017.

Strohecker graduated from Morehead State University in 1979 and owned his own disc jockey business for several years in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He loved all genres of music and photography, and loved to share music facts with others and the aspect of putting memories on film for others to enjoy for years.

Strohecker was a dedicated alum and a passionate Eagle. He was a consistent presence at Homecoming who made it a point to attend right up to his passing. His family is establishing the Timothy Wayne Strohecker Scholarship Fund at Morehead State University.

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Visionary Society member, MSU Alumnus Nelson Carpenter dies

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Nelson Carpenter (54), 85, passed away in his hometown of Maysville on July 1, 2017.

Carpenter graduated with a bachelor's degree in English in 1954. After a two-year tour of duty with the U.S. Army in Korea, he earned a Master of Arts at the University of Mississippi in 1961. Between his graduation year and 1971, Carpenter participated in summer theatre with organizations in North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Florida and Arkansas and completed graduate-level work at Columbia University, Florida State University and the Harvard Institute in Arts Administration.

His first teaching job brought him back to Maysville in 1959, where he taught eighth grade English and history at the Woodleigh School. He spent the majority of his career as a college instructor of speech and drama in Georgia, beginning at West Georgia College in Carrollton from 1962-69. He then served two decades at Middle Georgia College in Cochran, where he produced 49 theatrical productions before he retired in 1988. After his retirement, he taught part-time for 10 years as a speech instructor for Maysville Community College.

Through the MSU Visionary Society, Carpenter committed his estate to fund scholarships for MSU theatre students.

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Craft Academy Graduation

Congratulations to the Academy's class of 2018!

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Dr. Joseph Craft greets graduates at the Craft Academy of Excellence in Science and Mathematics graduation ceremony.



Ambassador Kelly Craft serves as

the keynote speaker at the graduation ceremony for the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics.



Brooke Hall of Paintsville serves as

student speaker at the Craft Academy's graduation ceremony, held May 12 in Button Auditorium.



Caroline O'Neill (left) of Lexington and **Hayden Hubbuch** (right) of

Louisville perform special music at the Craft Academy graduation.



Right: Dr. Carol Christian, academy

director, and MSU President Jay Morgan congratulate graduate **Alex Vermillion** of Hazard.

